Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BANGKO 27181 300944Z

42
ACTION EA-09

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AGRE-00 AGR-05 CEA-01 CIAE-00 COME-00

DODE-00 EB-07 FRB-03 H-02 INR-07 INT-05 L-03 LAB-04

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 AID-05 CIEP-01 SS-15 STR-04

ITC-01 TRSE-00 USIA-06 PRS-01 SP-02 FEAE-00 OMB-01

/089 W
---------- 075457
R 300927Z SEP 76
FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4031
INFO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA
AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR
AMEMBASSY MANILA
AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 27181

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFORGN ASEAN
SUBJECT: ASEAN CONTACTS WITH THE U.S.

REF: SINGAPORE 4462

1. REFTEL PROVIDES ENCOURAGING INDICATIONS OF STEPS BEING TAKEN WITHIN ASEAN TO STRENGTHEN SECRETARIAT AND GIVE THIS PROMISING REGIONAL ORGANIZATION FORM AND COHERENCE.

2. WE NOTED WITH PARTICULAR INTEREST PARA 5 OF REFTEL, WHICH INDICATES SINGAPORE FOREIGN MINISTER RAJARATNAM AT LEAST IS LOOKING FORWARD TO AN ASEAN DIALOGUE WITH THE U.S. THIS IS A SUBJECT WHICH THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERED IN THE PAST BUT DROPPED FOR THE TIME BEING, AT THE SUGGESTION OF ASEAN MEMBERS.

3. WE CAN APPRECIATE THAT OTHER ASEAN MEMBERS MAY
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BANGKO 27181 300944Z

FEEL THAT, BECAUSE OF THE VERY CLOSE TIES BETWEEN THE

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

U.S. AND THE PHILIPPINES IN THE PAST,
THE PHILIPPINES ARE UNIQUELY QUALIFIED TO BE
"RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL CONTACT WITH THE UNITED
STATES WITH RESPECT TO ANY FUTURE DIALOGUE BE-
TWEEN ASEAN AND THE U.S." HOWEVER, WE WONDER
IF THIS IDEA, AT FIRST GLANCE SO LOGICAL, IS
SUITED TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES. AS WE UNDERSTAND THE
SITUATION, THE U.S. AND THE PHILIPPINES ARE
ENGAGED IN A COMPLEX NEGOTIATING PROCESS, IN-
VOLVING MILITARY RELATIONS, TRADE, AND OTHER
MATTERS, WHICH PROMISES TO BE LONG AND DIFFICULT.
IT SEEMS TO US THAT IF ASEAN SEEKS TO USE THE
PHILIPPINES FOR ITS CONTACTS WITH THE U.S.,
THERE IS A RISK THAT ASEAN PROBLEMS MAY BECOME
INVOLVED IN PHIL-AMERICAN BILATERAL PROBLEMS IN A
MANNER WHICH WILL NOT RPT NOT CONTRIBUTE TO RE-
SOLVING EITHER.

4. PARA 5 FINALLY RESTS ON CONVERSATION BETWEEN
DCM IN SINGAPORE AND DEPUTY SECRETARY OF SINGAPORE
MFA TAN BOON SENG, AND TAN'S VIEW THAT PHILIPPINES
WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL CONTACT WITH U.S. MAY
NOT FULLY REFLECT VIEWS OF OTHER ASEAN MEMBERS.
SOME ASEAN COUNTRIES MAY FEEL THAT THIS WILL
BE OVERLOADING THE CIRCUIT TO SOME EXTENT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD BE INTERESTED
IN THE VIEWS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OTHER
ADDRESSEE POSTS WITH REGARD TO PARA 5 REFTEL.
BURKE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 30 SEP 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: greeneet
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976BANGKO27181
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760370-0591
From: BANGKOK
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t1976094/aaaaadfk.tel
Line Count: 91
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 SINGAPORE 4462
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: greeneet
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 26 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <26 MAY 2004 by ElyME>; APPROVED <23 SEP 2004 by greeneet>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ASEAN CONTACTS WITH THE U.S.
TAGS: PFOR, ECIN, US, RP, ASEAN
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006